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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **MARRIOTT ET AL.**
 SERIAL NO.: 09/646,111
 FILED: November 20, 2000
 OR: IMPROVED CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

GROUP ART UNIT: 1615
 EXAMINER: S. T. TEE
 ATTY. REFERENCE: MARR300EREF

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
 No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity	Full Fee
Total Claims	24	- 20 ¹	= 4 ³	$\times \$9 =$	$\times \$18 = \72.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 ²	= 0 ³	$\times \$42 =$	$\times \$84 = \0.00
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TOTAL					\$72.00

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Please charge my Deposit Account Number 02-0200 in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 A check in the amount of \$72.00 is attached.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees due under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 Also enclosed is/are: Amendment
 Petition for One Month Extension of Time and payment of required fee

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DATE: May 14, 2002

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of January 14, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on May 14, 2002, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims to the application.

B1
20(New). A crystallization process as claimed in claim 7, wherein the substance to be crystallised is lactose monohydrate, and the crystallised lactose monohydrate has an elongation ratio of 1.58 ± 0.33 and a size in the range of 63 to 90 μm .

21(New). A lactose monohydrate according to claim 12, having an elongation ratio 1.58 ± 0.33 and a size in the range of 63 to 90 μm .